IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:17 cv 250

T.W., by her next friend Kristena Wilson,)
Plaintiff,)
v.	ORDER
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION)))
Defendant.)))

On September 11, 2017, T.W., by next friend and mother Kristena Wilson, filed her Complaint [# 1]. T.W. is eighteen [# 1]. T.W. has been diagnosed with autism and suffers from anxiety and narcolepsy [# 1]. While the distinction between next friend and guardian ad litem remains fine, the Court will require that a guardian ad litem be appointed for T.W. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(c)(2); Blackwell v. Vance Trucking Co., 139 F. Supp. 103, 106 (1956).

Therefore, the Court **DIRECTS** Plaintiff's counsel to file a motion to have Plaintiff's mother, or someone else qualified, to be appointed as a guardian ad litem for T.W.

Signed: January 8, 2018

Dennis L. Howell

United States Magistrate Judge